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5:30 p. m.

Overby Auditorium

Curtis Wilkie will serve as moderator for the panel. He is associate professor in the Department of Journalism at The University of Mississippi. In 1975, he joined the staff of the *Boston Globe* and served as a national and foreign correspondent for that paper until his retirement at the end of the 2000 presidential campaign. He has recently been named the first Overby Fellow at the Overby Center for Southern Journalism and Politics at The University of Mississippi.

Anirudh Bhattacharyya is senior editor for Network18, the group that runs India's largest television news network, including the channels CN-IBN and CNBC-TV18. He worked previously as a political correspondent with leading Indian newspapers and periodicals and was the editor of *Mantram*, a monthly magazine published from New York and targeted at the Indian-American community. He has been tracking the 2008 U.S. presidential race closely, with coverage beginning with the Iowa caucuses.

Geoff Elliott is the Washington correspondent for *The Australian* newspaper, Australia's national newspaper. He has been in Washington, D.C., for the last three-and-a-half years and was previously in Sydney, covering politics, business and economics. He has worked in London for four years, as well as spending a year in South Africa after the election of Nelson Mandela. He has a Bachelor of Economics degree from the University of Western Australia and is married with three children.

Derk Jan Eppink is a correspondent for the Flemish weekly *Knack*, writing on the American elections. He also writes a weekly column for the Dutch weekly *Elsevier* on foreign relations, often being contacted by Flemish and Dutch radio and television to report on the elections. He studied law at the Free University of Amsterdam and international relations at the University of Amsterdam and then worked at the European Commission as both a trainee and an assistant in the European Parliament in Brussels.

Yoichi Kato is the bureau chief of the American General Bureau of the *Asahi Shimbun*, one of the major daily newspapers in Japan. Prior to his current assignment, he was the national security correspondent at Asahi's Tokyo head office and reported extensively on security issues in the Asia Pacific region. Kato is an expert in the national security policy of Japan and its alliance with the United States. He was a visiting research fellow at both the Institute of Strategic Studies/National Defense University and the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C.